

### Remarks

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Thus, all of the non-elected claims, i.e. claims 11-23, 59-79 and 104, have been cancelled, leaving only the allowed claims (claims 1, 3-10 and 121-123) remaining in the application.

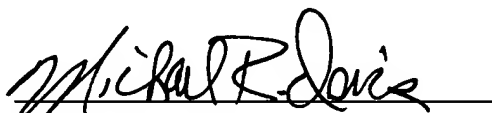
Applicants emphasize that cancellation of the non-elected claims is without prejudice to their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the subject matter of these claims.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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